

## **ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:*

***Arlington School Committee  
Standing Subcommittee: Facilities  
Wednesday, July 15, 2020  
2:30 PM***

*Conducted by Remote Participation*

*<https://www.mass.gov/doc/order-suspending-certain-provision-of-open-meeting-law/download>*

### *Open Meeting*

#### ***ASC Facilities Subcommittee***

*When                   Wed Jul 15, 2020 2:30pm – 4pm Eastern Time - New York*

*Joining info   Join with Google Meet  
                  meet.google.com/snk-bshj-zjj*

*Join by phone  
+1 541-897-2538(PIN: 538240004)*

### *Public Comment*

#### *Discuss readiness of our buildings to reopen in the fall*

- *District's leadership to give an update on any issues related to COVID-19 that impact our 10 buildings. This includes things like air circulation, having enough protections in the buildings,*

### *New Business*

### *Adjournment*

*The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

*Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.*

*Submitted by Jeff Thielman*

Massachusetts law requires all open session meetings of public bodies to be accessible to members of the public, including those with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate in the meeting, contact the Administrative Assistant to the Arlington School Committee Karen Fitzgerald at [kfitzgerald@arlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:kfitzgerald@arlington.k12.ma.us) in advance of the meeting.



## Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

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### Meeting Location

#### Summary:

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### ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
□ Reference Material	Remote_Meeting_Script_(00022231xA050C).pdf	Remote Meeting script
□ Reference Material	Remote_Participation_Checklist_for_COVID-19_Emergency_(00022229xA050C).pdf	Remote Checklist
□ Reference Material	Supplement_re_Remote_Participation_During_Coronavirus_State_of_Emergency_-_Remote_Participation_Checklist_and_Script.pdf_(00022235xA050C)_(1)_(1).pdf	Remote Participation

## **DRAFT SCRIPT FOR REMOTELY CONDUCTED OPEN MEETINGS**

### Confirming Member Access:

As a preliminary matter, this is [identify meeting manager – Chair, support staff, etc.]. Permit me to confirm that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda are present and can hear me.

- Members, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. *State each members' name.*
- Staff, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. *State each staff members' name.*
- Anticipated Speakers on the Agenda, please respond in the affirmative. *State each anticipated speakers' name.*

### Introduction to Remote Meeting:

Good morning/afternoon/evening. This Open Meeting of [Insert Public Body Name] is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible *physical* location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting [will/will not] feature public comment.

For this meeting, [Insert Public Body Name] is convening by [telephone conference/video conference via Zoom App/Facebook Live/etc.] as posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join.

#### For “Zoom” Meetings

Please note that this meetings is being recorded, and that some attendees are participating by video conference.

Accordingly, please be aware that other folks may be able to see you, and that take care not to “screen share” your computer. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

#### Meeting Materials

**\*For Novus Agenda-Supported Meetings:** All of the materials for this meeting, except any Executive Session materials, are available on the Novus Agenda dashboard, and we recommend the members and the public follow the agenda as posted on Novus unless I/The Chair notes otherwise.

**\*For Non-Novus Supported Meetings:** All supporting materials that have been provided members of this body are available on the Town's website unless otherwise noted. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda unless I/The Chair notes otherwise.

#### Meeting Business Ground Rules

We are now turning to the first item on the agenda. Before we do so, permit me to cover some ground rules for effective and clear conduct of our business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes.

- I/the Chair, will introduce each speaker on the agenda. After they conclude their remarks, the Chair will go down the line of Members, inviting each by name to provide any comment, questions, or motions. Please hold until your name is called. Further,

- Please remember to mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking;
- Please remember to speak clearly and in a way that helps generate accurate minutes
- For any response, please wait until the Chair yields the floor to you, and state your name before speaking.
- If members wish to engage in colloquy with other members, please do so through the Chair, taking care to identify yourself.
- For Items with Public Comment:
  - The Chair will first ask members of the public who wish to speak to identify their names and addresses only;
  - Once the Chair has a list of all public commentators, I will call on each by name and afford 3 minutes for any comments.
- Finally, each vote taken in this meeting will be conducted by roll call vote.

[Any additional preliminary comments tailored to meetings]

## REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING CHECKLIST

### In Advance of Meeting

- All non-emergency items properly posted *at least* 48 hours in advance
- “Executive Order on Remote Participation” is posted with agenda
- All members received the same documents for meeting
- Supporting documents posted on Novus or Town website (does not have to be 48 hours in advance unless required by law)
- For meetings with public participation, encourage written public comments

### Initiating Meeting

- Confirm that all Members are present and can hear each other
- Read Preamble to Remote Meetings
- Note materials for meeting available online through Novus or Town website for the public
- Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
- Cover “ground rules”

### For “Zoom” Meetings

- Disable Chat Function for Participants
- Click “Record Meeting”
- Advise Participants that Meeting is Being Recorded
- Caution Participants About Screen Sharing

### During Meeting

- Each speaker states their name before each presentation, comment, or question
- All votes taken by roll call
- Meeting Minutes reflect remote status

### Technical Difficulties

- If technical difficulties arise, Chair suspends meeting while attempts to resolve are made
- Keep accurate minutes noting any disconnections and reconnections of members



## **Town of Arlington Legal Department**

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To: Select Board

Cc: Town Committees and Commissions; Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager; John Leone, Town Moderator

From: Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Date: March 18, 2020

Re: Supplement – Remote Meeting Checklist and Guidance

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Please receive this Supplement to the Memoranda from this Office of March 11, 2020, and March 13, 2020 regarding the Town’s options for conducting meetings during the coronavirus (or “COVID-19”) State of Emergency in the Commonwealth.

As you will recall, meetings by telephone or video conference during the State of Emergency may proceed with all participants engaging remotely, so long as “alternative means of public access” is provided.<sup>1</sup> Public access can be provided by allowing the public to call in or otherwise join meetings remotely so that they can see and/or hear what takes place at remote participation meetings. To assist you in availing yourselves of these options, this Office has developed a checklist and script for Chairs and administrative support staff for remotely

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<sup>1</sup> Certain hearings require additional consideration where public comment and/or participation is required.

conducted open meetings which you will find attached. These documents are intended as guides primarily to ensure the following:

- Accurate meeting minutes can be recorded;
- All other requirements of the Open Meeting Law are met;
- The public understands the modifications to the Open Meeting Law during the State of Emergency; and
- Chairs are able to effectively use new technologies such as the “Zoom” app effectively.

Please keep in mind that unlike some other users of teleconference or videoconference technology, it is essential that a government body’s business can be accurately understood and recorded in meeting minutes, and that the public can follow along.

If specific circumstances of your meeting require further counsel, such as conducting an executive session by remote meeting, please contact this Office at your convenience for further support.



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#### **Summary:**

#### **ASC Facilities Subcommittee**

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### **Public Comment**



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#### ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report	COVID-19_Facilities_Update.pdf	Covid Facilities update



## *Arlington Public Schools*

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*Michael Mason, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer*

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To: Facilities Subcommittee  
From: Michael Mason, CFO and Jim Feeney, Director of Facilities  
Re: COVID-19 Facilities Update  
Date: July 15, 2020

### **Indoor Air Quality**

In order to suppress the spread of COVID-19 in our school buildings, the district intends to use system engineering controls such as increased fresh-air ventilation in conjunction with improved air filtration (upgrade to MERV-13) where possible. The Facilities Department has conducted various equipment inspections and performed maintenance and repair activities, and also intends to outsource the recommissioning of HVAC equipment and reprogramming of building automation systems as necessary to align with emerging ASHRAE guidance prepared for K-12 Schools.

### **Sanitization of Buildings**

In order to suppress the spread of COVID-19 the district will have to take additional measures related to custodial care. In addition to general cleanliness, sanitization is now of paramount importance. Based on experience in March of this year, and in anticipation of increased demand come re-opening, the Facilities Department has been working hard to increase its fleet of electrostatic sprayers in order to increase sanitization efficiency and efficacy and increase capacity to respond to building occupant's concerns.

The increased sanitization frequency of high-touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, railings, faucets, flushometers, elevator buttons, and regular sanitization of hard surfaces such as desks, tables and countertops will require an increased level of effort from the Facilities Department. Historically, these activities were not necessarily covered in the daily workload. As such, additional custodial resources will be required to meet the increased workload. Depending on the location and level of activity, this increased need may best be met with additional FTE staff members, increased overtime via existing staff, contracted 3rd party services, or through some combination of the abovementioned avenues.

Further, the value of additional FTE staffing would help address staffing shortages due to vacancies and absences. Customarily, in the event of a sick call, personal day, or vacation leave, or some other accrued/paid time off, a custodian is shifted from another building, often only to perform core functions such as emptying trash and servicing bathrooms. Under normal circumstances, the short-term provision of minimal services is suitable as other activities, such as dry mopping or vacuuming, can be temporarily halted without adverse impact. Under the

'new normal' conditions, we are not afforded the luxury of delaying sanitization; it must occur daily.

### **Building Decals**

The Facilities Department is in the process of ordering decals to be displayed on doors, walls and floors in each building to help communicate COVID-19 related expectations.

At entrance doors and in main lobbies, we will have decals indicating face coverings are required, and to practice social distancing. There will be decals near hand sanitizer dispensers directing students, staff and visitors to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building, and other areas where provided, such as cafeterias. There will also be floor decals indicating where to stand at locations where a line may form, and social distancing measures need to be upheld. Further, there will be floor decals guiding the flow of traffic in common hallways where necessary.

### **Plexiglass Barriers**

The Facilities Department is in the process of procuring and installing freestanding acrylic barriers with pass-through openings to protect interactions between visitors and public-facing staff in locations such as the main office.

### **Isolation Rooms in Nursing Suites**

The Facilities Department is in the process of working with the Nursing team to identify rooms within Nursing suites to be used as isolation rooms for suspected COVID patients. This will include installing tempered glass observation windows in doors to allow for proper patient monitoring.

### **Hand Sanitizer Stations**

The Facilities Department is in the process of procuring free-standing hands-free stanchion mount hand sanitizer dispensers to be placed at the main entrance of every school building. Alternate entrances and cafeterias are also being considered for dispenser placement.



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**New Business**



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**Adjournment**



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**Submitted by Jeff Thielman**